

HOUSE BILL NO. 14

INTRODUCED BY GOLIE, JOE BALYEAT

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT BENEFITING MOUNTAIN GOATS BY ALLOWING THE ANNUAL ISSUANCE OF ONE MOUNTAIN GOAT LICENSE THROUGH A COMPETITIVE AUCTION OR LOTTERY; ALLOWING THE AUCTION OR LOTTERY TO BE CONDUCTED BY A WILDLIFE CONSERVATION ORGANIZATION AND ALLOWING THE RETENTION OF 10 PERCENT OF SALE PROCEEDS BY THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION ORGANIZATION TO COVER EXPENSES; ~~AND~~ DEDICATING THE REMAINING AUCTION OR LOTTERY PROCEEDS TO THE BENEFIT OF MOUNTAIN GOATS; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Auction OR LOTTERY of mountain goat license -- rules. (1) The commission may issue one ~~male~~ mountain goat license each year through a competitive auction OR LOTTERY. The commission shall promulgate rules for the use of the license and conduct of the auction OR LOTTERY. A wildlife conservation organization ~~that focuses on~~ INVOLVED IN the conservation of mountain goats may be authorized to conduct the license auction OR LOTTERY, in which case the authorized organization may retain up to 10% of the proceeds of the sale to cover reasonable auction OR LOTTERY expenses.

(2) All proceeds remaining from the auction OR LOTTERY, whether conducted by the commission or as otherwise authorized by the commission, must be used by the department for the substantial benefit of mountain goats. The proceeds from the auction OR LOTTERY must be used in addition to any other funds that the department uses for the management of mountain goats.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 87, chapter 2, part 7, and the provisions of Title 87, chapter 2, part 7, apply to [section 1].

NEW SECTION. SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. [THIS ACT] IS EFFECTIVE ON PASSAGE AND APPROVAL.

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